

Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 2 illustrates a wireless communications system 200 adapted for group duplex communications in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. Those elements that are identical to the elements illustrated in FIG. 1 are correspondingly identically labeled in FIG. 2. Wireless communications system 200 includes communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40. In one embodiment, communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40 are conventional subscriber units that are adapted for TDMA duplex operation. Communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40 transmit and receive voice signals generated by respective users speaking into the units. Those of ordinary skill in the art will realize that communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40 may alternately be adapted for FDMA duplex operation or CDMA duplex operation. In addition, four communication units are shown in FIG. 1-FIG. 2 for ease of illustration. However, it is appreciated that many more subscriber units would typically be coupled to communications system 200. Moreover, group duplex communication in accordance with the present invention may include as few as three communications units.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

System 100-System 200 further includes a repeater 50 adapted for receiving individual encoded voice signals 14, 24, 34 and 44 from communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40, respectively, over wireless communications resources 12, 22, 32 and 42 via an antenna 52 that is coupled to repeater 50. Repeater 50 is further adapted for transmitting individual encoded voice signals to communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40, respectively, over wireless communications resources 18, 28, 38 and 48 via antenna 52 using techniques known in the art. Repeater 50 is also adapted for transmitting combined encoded voice signals, e.g., 290a, 292a, 294a and 296a,

to communications units 10, 20, 30 and 40, respectively, over wireless communications resources 18, 28, 38 and 48 via antenna 52, using techniques in accordance with the present invention.